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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6246

BILL NUMBER: HB 1287

DATE PREPARED: Dec 21, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Mentally Ill Dependent Insurance Coverage.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill adds a dependent child's incapability to self-sustain employment because of mental illness to the reasons that continue hospital and medical coverage to a child under individual insurance policies and to policies provided through the Indiana Comprehensive Health Insurance Association (ICHIA). (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Indiana Commission on Mental Health.)

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill requires ICHIA to continue to provide insurance coverage to a dependent unmarried child even if the child has reached the age of 19 and the child is incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental illness and while the child is chiefly dependent for support and maintenance upon the person in whose name the contract is issued. The impact on the ICHIA program is expected to be nominal, if any.

The ICHIA program is funded from client premiums, as well as assessments on companies selling health insurance in Indiana. Companies that pay assessments are subsequently able to take a credit against premium taxes, gross income taxes, adjusted gross income taxes, supplemental corporate net income taxes, or any combination of these, equal to the amount of the credit. Although the possibility exists for some increased costs to the ICHIA program, and thus decreased revenues to the state, the impact is expected to be nominal.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Comprehensive Health Insurance Association (ICHIA)

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Jeff Hannah, Anthem, 488-6225.